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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Brandi N Thomas

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: Detailed Action.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Usui (6400902 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Usui discloses, in figures 2, 3, 5a, and 5b, a lens driver apparatus (1) comprising: a body (12) that is to be driven and to which a lens (11) is attached (col. 4, lines 57-59), a guide axis for guiding and allowing the body to move freely in a direction of an optical axis of the lens (col. 4, lines 61-65), a driving coil (13a-13d) being flatly wound and attached to the body (12) (col. 5, lines 38-39), and a driving magnet (31) being disposed opposite side of the driving coil (13a-13d) and along a direction of movement of the body (12) (col. 5, lines 62-67 and col. 6, lines 1-5), wherein the driving coil (13a-13d) and the driving magnet (31) are shaped in curved forms so as to conform to an outer shape of the lens (110 (figure 2, 5a, and 5b).

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Regarding claim 2, Usui discloses, in figures 2, 3, 5a, and 5b, a lens driver apparatus (1), further comprising: a yoke (32) curved along a shape of the driving magnet (31) (col. 5, lines 27-28).

Regarding claim 3, Usui discloses, in figures 2, 3, 5a, and 5b, a lens driver apparatus (1), further comprising: a main yoke (32) and an opposite yoke (32a and 32c) that are disposed so as to face each other with having the driving coil (13a-13d) in between (col. 2, lines 11-16), and the main yoke (32) and the opposite yoke (32a and 32c) are curved so as to match an outer circumferential shape of the lens (figure 2).

Regarding claim 4, Usui discloses, in figures 2, 3, 5a, and 5b, a lens driver apparatus (1), wherein a plurality of the driving coils (13a-13d) are provided and disposed adjacent to one another along the moving direction of the body (12) to be driven (figure 3 and col. 2, lines 60-63).

Regarding claim 5, Usui discloses, in figures 2, 3, 5a, and 5b, a lens driver apparatus (1), wherein the driving coil (13a-13d) is disposed closer to the guide axis on the outer circumference of the lens (11) (figure 3 and col. 2, lines 60-63).

Regarding claims 6-10, Usui discloses, in figures 2, 3, 5a, and 5b, an image capture apparatus comprising: a lens driver apparatus (1), the lens driver apparatus (1) being disposed in a main casing (figure 1) of the image capture apparatus.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandi N Thomas whose telephone number is 571-272-2341.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on 571-272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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